WHEREAS, during the past half-century, and particularly since the days of World War II, women havy entered the banking industry in increasing numbers and have proven themselves dedicated, knowledgeable, and resourceful members of the profession, contributing in terms of leadership and financial expertise to the welfare of local communities, states, and to the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 25,000 women bank officers throughout the United States, including many representatives in our own state of South Dakota, serving the financial needs of the people with a recognized dimension of excellence and endeavoring through their various efforts to improve and enhance the contribution their profession makes to our modern world; and

WHEREAS, many more young women are entering the banking field today than ever before and are diligently applying themselves to the tasks leading to advancement and recognition in this important industry; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Bank-Women Inc., founded fifty years ago by six women bankers and now numbering more than 9,000 banking executives as members, will observe its Golden Anniversary in national convention in Chicago, Illinois, in September 1972:

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1972, as

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in appropriate tribute to the valuable role played in our own state by the many dedicated women involved in the banking industry and to the members of the National Association of Bank-Women Inc. now observing this important anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ihave hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 31st day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-two,

RICHARD F. KHEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE